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1. PANAMA CANAL TREATIES VOTE GOT TOP PLY IN ALL FOUR CARACAS
MORNING DAILIES, ALL OF IT WIRE SERVICE REPORTS. ONLY ONE
EDITORIAL. PRESIDENT PEREZ CALLED RATIFICATION HEMISPHERE TRIUMPH.
ALL THREE TV NETWORKS LAST NIGHT CARRIED PRESIDENT CARTER.
ONE RADIO STATION TRANSMITTED VOA BROADCAST LIVE.

2. TWO DAILIES, "UTLIMAS NOTICIAS" AND "THE DAILY JOURNAL", RAN
WIRE SERVICE STORIES UNDER BANNER PAGE-ONE HEADS. TWO OTHERS, "EL
UNIVERSAL" AND "EL NACIONAL," GAVE IT EQUAL PAGE-ONE PLAY WITH MORO
KILLING. ALL HEADS SOBER AND FAVORABLE.

3. ONLY EDITORIAL COMMENTARY WAS LEAD IN "DAILY JOURNAL" WHICH
SAID IN PART: "THE COLOSSUS OF THE NORTH HAS TAKEN A MORAL DECISION
TO RIGHT PAST WRONGS AND TO SATISFY THE PRIDE AND FEELINGS OF A
WEAK STATE. IT SHOULD BE SEEN AS HUMAN RIGHTS IN ACTION, AND
HAILED THROUGHOUT THE WORLD AS THE DECISION OF A FREE PEOPLE.

4. "THE DECISION WILL BE FAR MORE LIKELY TO LAST, IT SHOULD
ALSO BE NOTED, THAN ONE TAKEN BEHIND THE BACKS OF THE PEOPLE
ARBITRARILY BY A DICTATORIAL GOVERNMENT. THE PEOPLE OF THE U.S.
THROUGH THEIR ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES, HAVE MADE A DIFFICULT
BUT CORRECT CHOICE, WHICH SHOULD GO FAR TO CONVINCE THE PEOPLE
OF LATIN AMERICA AND THE REST OF THE WORLD THAT DEMOCRACY REALLY
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WORKS."

5. PRESIDENT PEREZ SAID WHEN INTERVIEWED BY NEWSMEN LAST NIGHT:
"THIS IS A TRIUMPH FOR LATIN AMERICAN, AND EVEN MORE THAN A TRIUMPH
FOR LATIN AMERICAN IT IS A TRIUMPH FOR THE HEMISPHERE. THE UNITED
STATES HAS TAKEN AN IMPORTANT STEP TOWARD ESTABLISHING MORE BALANCED
RELATIONS CONCERNING MAJOR LATIN AMERICAN INTERESTS."

PRESIDENT PEREZ' REMARKS WERE BROADCAST LAST NIGHT ON
NATION-WIDE TV AND PUBLISHED IN NEWSPAPERS WEDNESDAY.

6. THE TWO-AND-HALF MINUTE STATEMENT BY PRESIDENT CARTER
IN SPANISH WAS BROADCAST IN FULL NATION-WIDE ON ALL THREE TELEVISION
NETWORKS. ICA'S SATELLITE TRANSMISSION WAS TAPED AND BROADCAST
DURING 10 AND 11 P.M. NEWSCASTS. AUDIO AND VIDEO OF STAELLITE
TRANSMISSION EXCELLENT.

7. ONLY RADIO NACIONAL TRANSMITTED VOA BROADCAST
OF SENATE COVERAGE FULL AND LIVE. TWO OTHER TOP STATIONS CARRIED
PORTIONS LIVE AND TAPE DURING THE 6 TO 7 P.. (EST) TIMEFRAME.
OTHERS TAPED AND USED PORTIONS IN THEIR TUESDAY EVENING AND
WEDNESDAY MORNING NEWSCASTS. ALL MAJOR STATIONS WERE ADVISED BY
PHONE AND IN WRITING OF VOA BROADCASTS.
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